

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 3261

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, RP, LY, XF

SUBJECT: MINDANAO NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) MANILA 3191; (B) MANILA 3003

1. ACCORDING GOP NEWS AGENCY PNA, PRESIDENT MARCOS ANNOUNCED "RECESS" OF TRIPOLI NEGOTIATIONS "WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" ON MARCH 3. HE SAID TALKS WOULD RESUME MARCH 5. SEVERAL PAPERS RAN PHOTO OF LIBYAN CHARGE DELIVERING MESSAGE FROM QADHAFI TO MARCOS WHICH (ACCORDING TJ) IS "EXPECTED TO BRING ABOUT NEW APPROACHES TO THE MINDANAO QUESTION."

2. WHILE CONTINUING TO PREDICT THAT INTERVENTION BY QADHAFI AND/OR MRS. MARCOS WILL SORT THINGS OUT, GUIDED MEDIA IS TAKING INCREASINGLY HARSH LINE ON MNLF WHICH NOW ACCUSED OF RESORTING TO ITS "ORIGINAL POSITION" OF DEMANDING DE FACTO SECESSION.

3. PRESS HAS PUBLISHED MNLF PROPOSAL FOR AUTONOMOUS REGION WHICH (ALTHOUGH ALLEGEDLY PICKED UP IN ZAMBOANGA)  
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SOUNDS INDENTICAL TO PAPER WHICH ENRILE SHOWED AMBASSADOR (PARA 3, REF B) AND WE ASSUME WAS PRINTED ON DIRECTION OF GOP. IT DESCRIBES 13-PROVINCE AUTONOMOUS REGION WITH CAPITAL AT ZAMBOANGA, OWN FLAG, ARMED FORCE EQUIVALENT TO ONE-QUARTER OF PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES, ARABIC AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE, ETC. PROVINCES OF PROPOSED REGION, TO BE UNDER "AUTONOMOUS BANGSA MORO ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT,"

ARE SAME AS THOSE DEMANDED BY MNLF IN FIRST ROUND OF  
NEGOTIATIONS. PAPER ALSO DEMANDS THAT ALL AFP FORCES  
STATIONED IN AUTONOMOUS REGION BE WITHDRAWN.

4. COMMENT: PUBLICATION OF MNLF PAPER WILL DO NOTHING  
TO EASE CHRISTIAN BACKLASH. OTHER COMMENTS REFTEL A STILL  
APPLY.  
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